

BOY GANG FREED IN SHOOTING

Last Houston Riot Martyr Finally Released

TODAY'S
TALK

RABBI MANN
★
MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION
★
"ANTI-SEMITIC"
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ITS CAUSE
★
THE ANSWER
★
By A. N. FIELDS

RABBI LOUIS MANN was called into a conference a few days ago at the Grand Hotel ostensibly to pour water on the confluence of a troubled situation. The occasion was the meeting of a white southside merchants' association. The purpose of the meeting—as stated by Mr. Roth who was said to be a lawyer—was that "the object of this association is to get rid of Kelly and Dynamite."

He was arrested in his remarks by W. P. Harrison who, in unmistakable language, informed the conferees that, if that was the purpose of the meeting, they had might as well adjourn at once, stating that he understood, "according to letters sent out by their committee that the object was to discuss community improvement."

As the meeting proceeded, Rabbi Mann, stating that the conferees would run into many lines of opinion, he had not previously participated in politics, threw around himself the cloak of his profession and sought to calm the situation with a summary of the religious responsibility of minority groups.

Regardless of the attitude of this particular association, the Jewish business program in the southside community has had much to do with maintaining and fostering the Negro business, civic and moral advancement.

The very psychology of those who operate concerns in the community, their unity of purpose in banding themselves together and preventing Negro people from even renting store fronts on 47th street, except for a limited class of business, indicates that their attitude has contravened Negro advancement.

If Negroes have learned to dislike Jews it is because the Jews themselves by their conduct in Negro communities have fanned the flame into fire. The question involved is not an anti-Semitic question; it is fundamentally an economic question.

The Negro people are tired of being plundered, overcharged and oftentimes shortchanged by a class of merchants whose ruthless business intercourses have already created an anemic condition in the arteries of Negro business life.

There are at this moment saloons operated on 47th street between Indiana and Cottage Grove that should not be allowed to exist in any community. They cater to the lowest type in the community with no thought of those

PRESIDENT



DR. SHERMAN D. SCRUGGS, Supervisor of Negro schools Kansas City, Kansas, who recently accepted the invitation to serve as the president of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri. He will fill the position previously held for six years by Mr. Charles W. Florence. Dr. Scruggs will assume his duties July 1, 1938.

MORRIS BROWN
DEAN GETS 5TH
DEGREE AT 31

URBANA, Ohio, April 28—Dr. Charles L. Hill, dean of theology at Morris Brown college, Atlanta, was awarded the doctor of philosophy degree by Ohio State university at the winter convocation, thus accomplishing the record of earning five degrees at the age of 31.

Dr. Hill was awarded the bachelor of arts degree by Wittenburg university, his master of sacred theology and bachelor of divinity degrees by the same university. Morris Brown college in Atlanta conferred on him the degree of doctor of divinity.

Travels Extensively
Awarded the American-German Exchange scholarship to the University of Berlin, Germany, for eight months of graduate study, Dr. Hill during this time traveled 72,000 miles, visiting 32 libraries and monasteries and examined 6,000 manuscripts.

He speaks twelve languages, and has received special congratulations from the department of languages for his exceptional knowledge of the required French and German language examinations.

Dr. Hill will return to Atlanta in September to resume his duties at Morris Brown college.

S. W. PHILLIPS
FREE 21 YEARS
AFTER TROUBLENAACP Victor in
Liberation Fight

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 28—Stewart W. Phillips, the last of the "Houston Martyrs", the colored soldiers who were imprisoned because of their resentment against the treatment accorded them by Houston, Texas, citizens during the war, was freed from Leavenworth penitentiary April 19.

Phillips, perjured at his release, sent the following telegram to Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, in New York City:

"Just freed this morning. Am overjoyed and my appreciation knows no bounds. Will write later. Thanks a million."

It is a coincidence that Phillips should be sending his good news from Kansas City, for the campaign to release these men was the high point of the annual conference of the N. A. A. C. P. held here in 1933. A feature of the conference was a pilgrimage of all the delegates to Leavenworth prison, near here, to visit the

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Burns Fatal
to Aged Man

Believed to have fallen asleep while tending the furnace at 4525 So. Wabash avenue, where he was employed as a janitor, Osie Gilmore received second degree burns which resulted in his death at Provident hospital. Mr. Gilmore was burned about the head, arms and back, Saturday night when a defective furnace pipe caught fire. He was 65 years old.

Death resulted a few hours later at the hospital. The inquest was held Monday morning, at which time a verdict of accidental death was returned.

The aged man's unconscious body was discovered in the basement of the building—a two-story brick—by Lieutenant Watson of the Chicago Fire Department, Squad No. 3. There were no witnesses.

Mr. Gilmore was the father of Mrs. Marjorie Spraggins, teacher at Willard school. Funeral services were held Monday with interment in Lincoln cemetery.

BIGAMY CHARGES FACE STEWART
HARLEM ROMEO; COPS FREED

William Sau Hart Stewart, New Yorker, whose inter-racial marriage made front page headlines in Chicago dailies and weekly papers last week, found himself in hot water when he was arrested early this week on charges of suspected bigamy.

Stewart's reputedly wealthy Park avenue bride was allegedly kidnapped from her honeymoon apartment on Rhodes avenue and spirited to New York by her brother where she was placed in an insane asylum, permanently deranged.

She had been subject to periods of irrationality, relatives swore, having suffered a complete breakdown while attending Smith college. She was on her way to take a nerve treatment from a neighborhood doctor when she disappeared, her brother told authorities.

Arrested on Bigamy Charge.
Stewart was arrested by

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Mortician Vindicated
in \$25,000 Libel SuitFuneral Association Head Fails to Put
in Appearance at Trial

The much publicized \$25,000 libel suit instigated some time ago by Robert Richard Reed, executive secretary of the Independent National Funeral Directors association against Perry C. Thompson, local journalist, and Charles Crook, prominent Chicago undertaker, was dismissed this week when Reed failed to appear in court to substantiate his charges of libel.

Reed, it was reported from reliable sources, left town some time ago and has failed to return. The case was called to trial five times but in each instance Reed could not make appearance. When he failed to show up, a cross suit, filed by Undertaker Crook charging libel against Reed, was heard.

The court, after hearing evidence, awarded Crook a \$500 judgment. The verdict is not altogether unexpected by Reed as evidenced by the fact that months prior to the calling of the case, he is reported to have moved all of his furnishings and fixtures from the sumptuous offices of the Independent National Funeral Directors association at 3446 South Michigan avenue. Since that time he has not been heard from.

The case grew out of allegations said to have been made against Reed by Crook and Thompson, whom he claimed had conspired and maliciously circulated propaganda stating that he was an ex-convict. The suit further contended that the defendants had accused him of serving six months time on a North Carolina chain gang; that he had been intimate with his dead sister's young niece after bringing her to Chicago to "protect" her, and that Crook and Thompson had conspired to drive him out of business and alienate from his influence the constituency of the Independent National Funeral Directors' association.

In the face of all these serious charges, Reed, although the case came to trial five times, was unable to be present at either time.

Atty. Houston H. Hall was counsel for Crook; Atty. Francis Stratford for Thompson. Atty. William Temple and Benjamin Clanton were counsel for Reed. It is reported that they withdrew from the case when their appeals to Reed to return for trial were ignored.

Dantz Inquest
Is Continued
Indefinitely

At the inquest held in the death of John Dantz, 5343 Calumet avenue, at county morgue, Friday morning, hearing was continued indefinitely pending the apprehension of Ralph Pye, 5034 Calumet avenue, wanted in connection with Dantz's death.

The man died at county hospital Wednesday night from injuries received when he jumped or was thrown from the third floor bedroom window in the apartment of Pye's estranged wife, Elizabeth, who was living with a friend at 5442 Michigan avenue. Death was attributed to a fractured skull. He had also received knife wounds of the right forearm and back of the right hand, said to have been inflicted by Pye during a fight in the woman's bedroom.

Attacks Visitor.
Dantz, who was married, is said to have visited Mrs. Pye on Wednesday night around 8 o'clock. A short time later, Pye came in, and upon seeing Dantz there, became enraged, lunging at him with a knife. Dantz fled to the bedroom and a few minutes later jumped or was thrown out of the window. Pye, who is described as around 6 feet tall, weighing 200 pounds, was dressed in a gray overcoat, suit and soft gray felt hat.

3 Whites Die
in Chair for
Slaying Negro

BELLEFONTE, Pa., April 28—Three white youths paid with their lives in the electric chair here early Monday morning for the slaying of Floyd Tranon, 38-year-old Negro, in a holdup near Chester, Pa.

Get Forty-one Cents
The trio robbed Tranon in a "lover's lane," taking 41 cents and then shot him in the back as he attempted to run away.

Members of a gang which a judge termed the "worst that ever came out of Chester," were Edward Rose and John Oreszak, both 21, and Theodore Dominick, 20.

Ralph E. Mizelle
Speaks at Alpha
Phi Alpha Forum

Ralph E. Mizelle, assistant attorney in the Solicitor's Office, Post Office Department, Washington, was the speaker at the monthly Forum of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity last Saturday night, April 23, before a large group of the members. Talking from the subject, "Behind the Scenes with the New Deal," he forcefully described the benefits being derived from this administration, particularly to the colored Americans. He said the administration had proved its interest in the common people and every day was developing methods for making the lives of all citizens more stable and satisfying. He gave facts and data indicating the immeasurable good that is being done for the colored citizenry in general and gave specific information to show the high esteem which the Democratic Party holds for all colored Americans.

Mr. Mizelle also suggested remedies for the improvement of the racial political picture which depends largely on the attitude and subsequent action and interest of potential racial leaders and other outstanding colored citizens. He said cooperation and unity, the elimination of petty feelings and jealousies, as well as active participation in political affairs without thought of financial return or political appointment would do much to further the cause of the colored citizen in an integral part in state and national affairs.

Mr. Mizelle, with his wife, are successful attorneys with their own law firm in New York City. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Fordham university Law School. During the last Presidential campaign he was regional director for colored citizens of the New England States and New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He was recommended to his present position by Mr. James A. Farley, postmaster General. While in the city, he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Hall.

Randolph to
Visit in the South

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28—Following the signing of a wage agreement with the Pullman company last August, Pullman porters in the South are rapidly joining the Brotherhood. As a part of the organization campaign, A. Philip Randolph international president, and M. P. Webster, first international vice president, will visit Jacksonville, Tampa and New Orleans, during May and June.

VICTOR



CHARLES CROOK, prominent Chicago undertaker, who was vindicated of libel charges, growing out of a \$25,000 suit preferred against him by R. R. Reed, executive secretary of the Independent National Funeral Directors' Association. Mr. Crook won \$500 judgment against Reed in a counter suit.

DEAN LEWIS
SPEAKS ON
NEGROBUSINESS

By HARRY O. ABBOTT

Dean Jesse W. Lewis of Howard university's School of Commerce addressed some 600 persons at Bethesda Baptist church Sunday night on "The Challenge of Business." He was the principal speaker on a special program under the auspices of the Chicago chapters of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

The exercises marked the thirtieth annual observance of the "Bigger and Better Negro Business" campaign, begun in 1925 by the fraternity under the direction of Mr. Lewis.

Somewhat different from conventional talkers on the better business aspect, Mr. Lewis spent little time in pointing out the weaknesses of Negro business, but dwelt on positive factors in the general situation. While statistics quoted were somewhat

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Chair Goes
Haywire; Two
Get Reprieve

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., April 28—(ANP)—Early last Friday morning at state prison, John Vaughn, convicted slayer of a policeman, stood before the electric chair, declaring his innocence before the 40 spectators and officials in the death chamber—when suddenly the electricity for the death chair failed. Warden Waid hurriedly called to Chaplain Garrett, standing at Vaughn's side, "Wait just a minute. The motor is down."

A quick inspection revealed a motor-generator had broken down. The warden phoned Gov. Allred who relieved Vaughn and another condemned prisoner, Johnnie Banks—convicted of killing a 13-year-old girl—for a week. Smoking a cigar and unmindful of the commotion caused by the interrupted execution, Vaughn said to the witnesses:

"I have a speech I want to make to you men. I am being executed to save another man from being executed. I said a prayer today and I asked God to stop this electrocution, and He has brought warning to man to realize it was against His will. I felt heir to another man's crime." When he had finished, the warden led him back to his cell in "death row."

Hold Funeral of
C. W. Williams,
Hamburger King

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Charles Jackson funeral home for Clarence Williams, Chicago's famous "Hamburger King," who died last Thursday night at his home, 3626 Calumet avenue, of a heart attack. Mr. Williams, who had been in ill health for several years, was 53 years old.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Williams, three sisters, Mrs. Gladys Hall, Chicago; Mesdames Helen Stev, Washington, D. C.; and Grace Griggs, Lertie, Va.; and a half-brother, George R. Arthur, executive secretary of the Wabash Avenue YMCA.

Mr. Williams, a native of Baltimore, Md., was one of Chicago's most reputable and widely-known citizens, and was famous throughout the city as "Clarence, the Hamburger Man." He had been in business for years at 35th street and Giles avenue, near the 8th Regiment Armory. Hundreds of both white and colored citizens were included among his

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JUDGE DEFERS
SENTENCE IN
GUNPLAY AT 'Y'Action Is Severely
Criticized

Four boys, all in their early teens, stood before Judge Posanski Monday morning in juvenile court, facing serious charges growing out of a shooting affray in the lobby of the Wabash Avenue Y. M. C. A. on the night of Mar. 4.

The shooting climaxed a dance at the "Y."

Despite the evidence presented, the seriousness of the charges against the youths, the fact that they refused to cooperate with police, probation officers and "Y" officials in connection with the case, Judge Posanski ordered them released.

He gave them until May 25 to tell where they secured the guns used in the affray, and what disposition was made of them. The guns have never been recovered.

Court's Action Protested.
The court's action was bitterly protested by Howard D. Gould and Joe Jefferson, members of the Boys' Work committee of the Y. M. C. A. Such action, it was the opinion of many at the hearing, instead of working to the alleviation of juvenile crime, act as a stimulus to further crime outbreaks of this nature.

The youths, John Alexander, 6336 St. Lawrence avenue, J. McArthur, 6627 Campbell avenue, Henry Brown, 6333 Lafayette avenue, Elmer (Buddy) Vander, 4437 Rhodes avenue, all from well known and highly respected families in Woodlawn.

Young Alexander, alleged to be the leader of the boy gang, said to call itself the "Black Treaders," is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alexander. His mother is a teacher at Shoop school in Morgan Park; his father is engineer at McCosh school.

Alexander, however, is being detained pending his trial next Monday following an attack on a guard at the Juvenile Detention Home, last week. He, with the others, were being held at the home awaiting trial in the "Y" shooting case.

Attacks Guard, Escapes.
On last Thursday night, April 21, he and another youth, whose name was not learned, slugged and seriously injured one of the guards at the home in a desperate cry for freedom. Alexander escaped, but was returned 24 hours later by his parents.

The boys, according to the guard's testimony at the trial,

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SUCCESS MARKS CLOSE OF '38
URBAN LEAGUE MEMBER DRIVE

In a blaze of glory, the Chicago Urban League brought the first phase of its 1938 campaign for memberships to a close with an informal reception at Poro, Sunday afternoon. Dr. Charles M. Thompson, a member of the board for several years, delivered the address of welcome, and Dr. M. O. Bousfield, president, delivered the principal address.

A. L. Foster, executive secretary, expressed the appreciation of the staff for the splendid work accomplished and Frayser T. Lane, who served as chief clerk for the campaign, rendered the report. William P. Harrison, general chairman, presided, and Mrs. A. Cole, vice chairman, assisted. There were musical numbers and refreshments were served.

"This was the finest campaign which we have ever had," Foster declared in offering praise to Harrison, Mrs. Cole and the workers. "We have not only exceeded any previous year but we have won many more friends."

Mr. Harrison won the first prize, a made to order suit donated by B. J. Cahn, president of Kuppenheimer and Sons and a board member. Harrison secured fifty-two new members with a total of \$567. The second prize

was won by Hon. Patrick Prescott, three shirts, donated by the Washington Shirt company, and Dr. Charles M. Thompson, the third, a shirt given by Mary's Men's Shop. Artist Edwards received the prize for having secured the largest number of individual memberships, cuff links from the Palm Olive Men's Shop, owned by Henry O'Bryant, the only Negro conducting a retail store in the loop district.

Jacobs Smart Shop contributed the first woman's prize, a beautiful dress won by Mrs. Rosalie Wood of the Metropolitan Funeral System. Mrs. Wood secured \$204 in subscriptions. A beautiful hand bag was presented Mrs. Thelma Morrow as the second woman's prize by Mae's Dress Shop. The third prize was three pair of stockings given by Celia Hall.

A permanent membership committee with Mr. Harrison as chairman, has been organized and will continue to solicit memberships until every person or business originally listed by the Planning Committee has been solicited. The league proposes to increase its southside membership to at least 1,000 individuals before the year ends. The committee will meet each month.

Kansans Win
Fight for Use
of Swim Pool

NEWTON, Kans., April 28—On April 15, citizens through the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. won the first step in what observers believed would be a long bitter contested legal battle to compel city officials to admit Negroes to the municipal swimming pool.

The Kansas supreme court refused to throw out a suit brought against the city, ruling that there was ground for action and that the city of Newton must answer in 30 days. Attorneys for the city had sought to have the motion quashed. The Newton branch of the N. A. A. C. P. has retained Elisha Scott, famous Topeka lawyer, as chief counsel.

Fight to Use Pool

Over a period of two years the use of this pool has resulted in skirmishes, and suit was finally brought in behalf of Donald E. Kern, a petition for a writ of mandamus directing city officials to admit Kern to the pool.

Built with city funds secured through a bond issue voted at the general election, the use of the pool, the local branch contends, is as much a right of colored citizens as whites, since they also pay taxes and voted for the bond issue for a municipal pool. They are being denied their rights illegally, they contend, in being barred from using the pool.

Escaped Lifer
Killed Returning
for His Buddies

CLARKSDALE, Miss., April 28—When he went back to effect a wholesale liberation of his prison buddies, M. V. McNutt, 33, a lifer, was shot and killed Tuesday by K. E. Jones, colored guard. McNutt had escaped Monday night from the state penitentiary at Parchman. He returned Tuesday, armed to free prisoners at the stockade camp No. 11.

Threatens Guard
The guard said McNutt threatened him with a pistol, in an attempt to force him to assist him in freeing the other prisoners. Seizing an opportunity when McNutt was off his guard, Jones picked up a rifle and shot the prisoner in the stomach. Death was believed to have been instantaneous.

McNutt had been committed to the state penitentiary three years ago on a life sentence for murder.